

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 38

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month service contract with FRONTIER ASSOCIATES LLC., Austin, TX, for the development and implementation of an Application Service Provider (ASP) hosted Web-based tool to automate business functions for the Green Building program in an estimated amount not to exceed \$145,470, with four 12-month extension options for maintenance and support in an estimated amount not to exceed \$30,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$265,470.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Art Acuña, Senior Buyer/512-322-6307

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of two proposals received.

MBE/WBE: This purchase will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievement of Good Faith Efforts with 11.0% MBE and 0.0% WBE subcontractor participation.

The contract is for the development and provision of an Application Service Provider (ASP) hosted Web-based tool to automate Green Building business functions for Austin Energy. This tool will be used by Austin Energy Green Building staff and their clients and will integrate with Austin Energy's Website. This tool will support the management and maintenance of the Green Building rating process, the Green Building Database, and Green Building Case Studies. This ASP hosted Web-based tool will support the following business functions:

- Applying to participate in the Green Building Program
- Rating Green Building projects
- Making changes to the ratings scorecards used to rate Green Building projects
- Evaluating and certifying projects as Green Buildings
- Maintaining a directory of Green Building Professionals
- Maintaining a collection of Green Building Case Studies
- Creating a variety of standard and ad hoc reports

After the initial development, the Contractor will continue to provide a hosted website for these activities.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-four notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs for this service. Two proposals were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type: therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the internet.